

Transitioning to High School:  
What to Expect in Grade 9

## Purpose of Today's Lesson

- To learn about the High School registration process
- To be introduced to High School concepts
- To focus on the importance of doing well in school

## Where will you be in Grade 9?

- E.O. Smith High School
- Ag-Ed at E.O. Smith
- Windham Tech
  - There will be a separate presentation from Tech
  - Possible areas of study:
    - Architectural Technologies
    - Electrical
    - Automotive Technology
    - Electronics Technology
    - Carpentry
    - Health Technology
    - Culinary Arts
    - Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning
    - Manufacturing Technology
- There will separate presentation from ACT
  - Process to applying
  - Some areas of study:
    - Performance
    - Theater Production
    - Dance
    - Creative Writing
    - Audio/Video Production
- Private or Parochial School (see your counselor)
  - Decision you and your parents will make
  - Application deadlines vary

## **E.O. Smith Registration Process**

- **February: Teacher recommendations are mailed home**
- **February/March: High School counselors present on how to register**
- **May: Peer Natural Helpers lead discussions and answer questions**

## **Grade 9 Courses**

### **Levels:**

- **“A”** is the most challenging level of study. Students enrolled in these courses are generally highly skilled and motivated students with strong critical thinking skills and an orientation toward independent work.
- **“B”** is a college prep level of study. Students enrolled in these courses will cover a body of knowledge that will adequately prepare them for college. There is an emphasis on skill development.

### **Courses you have to take:**

- English
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education
- Health (one semester)

### **In addition to these classes you can opt for electives, some options for those are:**

- World Language
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Business

### **What are some of your interests and what electives might you want to take?**

## What is a credit?

- Credit = A point earned for passing a course
  - One Full Year Course = 1 Credit (except PE which is .5 credits)
  - One Half Year Course = .5 Credit
  - Study Hall = 0 Credits
- You will not earn a credit for a course if:
  - You do not earn a 60 or higher (D- or better) in the class
  - You have too many absences/tardies
- **Credits needed to graduate = 23 Credits**

### Required Courses Credit Distribution

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Biology	1 Credits
Elective Science	2 Credits
PE	1.5 Credits
Computer Literacy	.5 Credits
Health	.5 Credits
Applied or Fine Arts	1.0 Credit
Electives	5.5 Credits

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23 Credits

**Example 1:**

A student takes the following classes in grade 9 and passes all of them with a grade of 60 or better:

- English 9A
- Geometry A
- Politics B/Geography B
- IPS B
- Physical Education
- French 1 B
- Health
- Painting I

This student earned \_\_\_\_\_ credits

**Example 2:**

A student takes the following classes in grade 9 and passes all classes with a 60 or better EXCEPT English which the student failed for the year:

- English 9B
- Politics A/Geography A
- IPS B
- Physical Education
- Algebra 1 A
- Spanish 2B
- Health
- Chorus

This student earned \_\_\_\_\_ credits

# College Admission Requirements – UCONN

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should be attending an approved high school program. Upon graduation, you must have completed at least 16 credits, with 15 in college preparatory work. Students should complete, **as a minimum**, the following college preparatory courses while in high school:

### High School Course Requirements

4 years of English

3 years of math (algebra I, algebra II and geometry)

2 years of social studies (including 1 year of U.S. History)

2 years of a single foreign language (3 years strongly recommended)

2 years of laboratory science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)

3 years of electives (such as Band, Art, Business courses)

**School of Engineering & School of Nursing applicants:** high school chemistry and physics are required.

### Example:

At the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade a student has 18 credits. This student received an “F” for a final grade in 11<sup>th</sup> grade English. S/he also failed Algebra 2 in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. S/he passed all other required courses while at E.O. Smith High School.

What does this student need to do in order to graduate?

# **Be a Well Rounded Student!!!!!!**

Make sure to visit [www.eosmith.org](http://www.eosmith.org) for information about the various academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities available to you!

**AIM HIGH and GET INVOLVED!!!!**

My High School Goals Are.....